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HOW NICE!

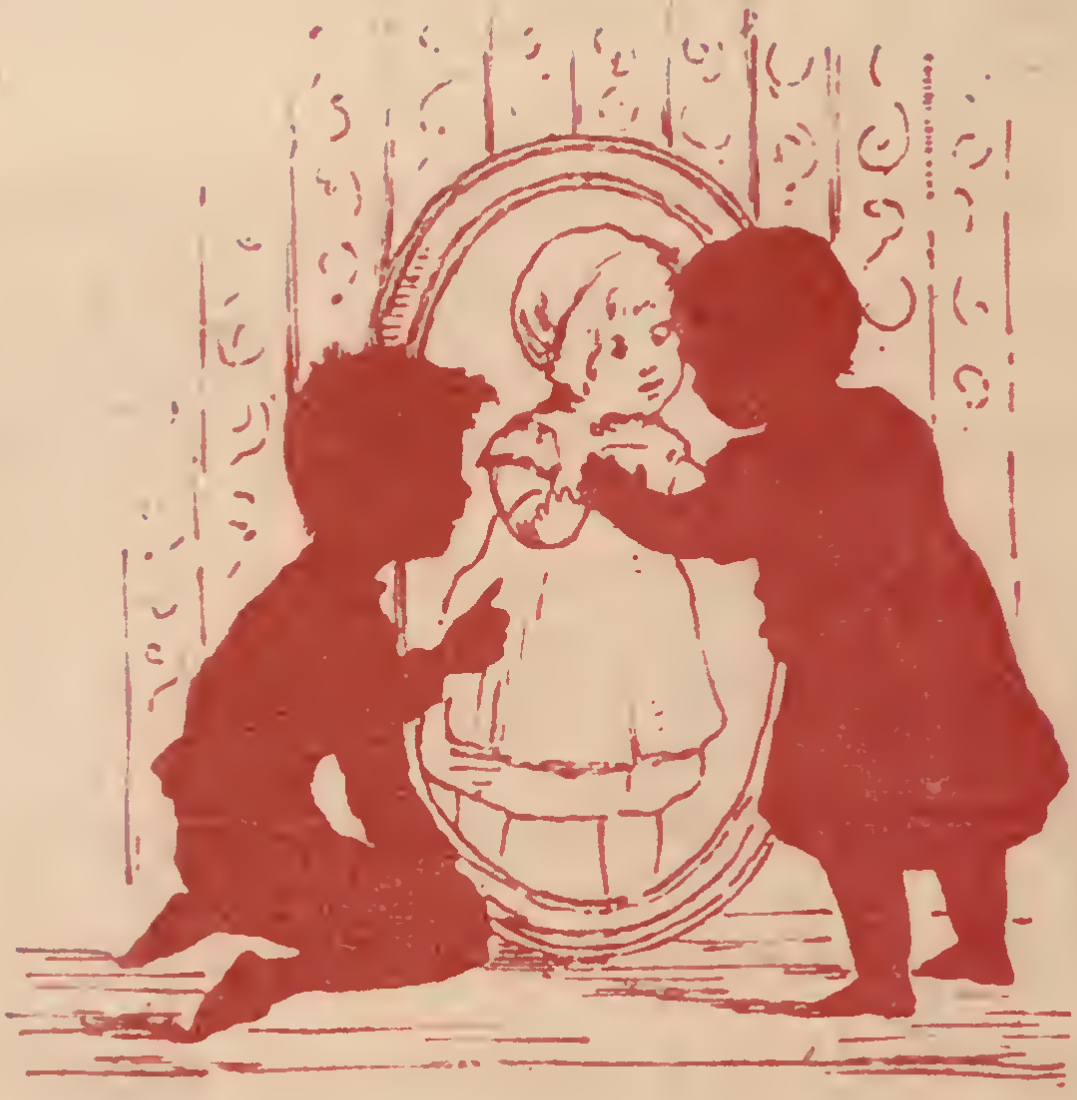
Robert has just been reading to his little sister a pretty story, and they are now looking at the picture. Their mama buys many nice books for them, so they have quite a lot on the shelf in their school-room. They always take great care of their books, so that they last a long time.

THE BLACKSMITH.

John Roper, the blacksmith, works hard and gets up very early. He shoes horses, mends carts and ploughs, and strikes the hot iron on his anvil till he sends a shower of sparks flying about. The children often stand at the door of his smithy after dark looking at them. Just now he is resting himself, and is reading the newspaper.

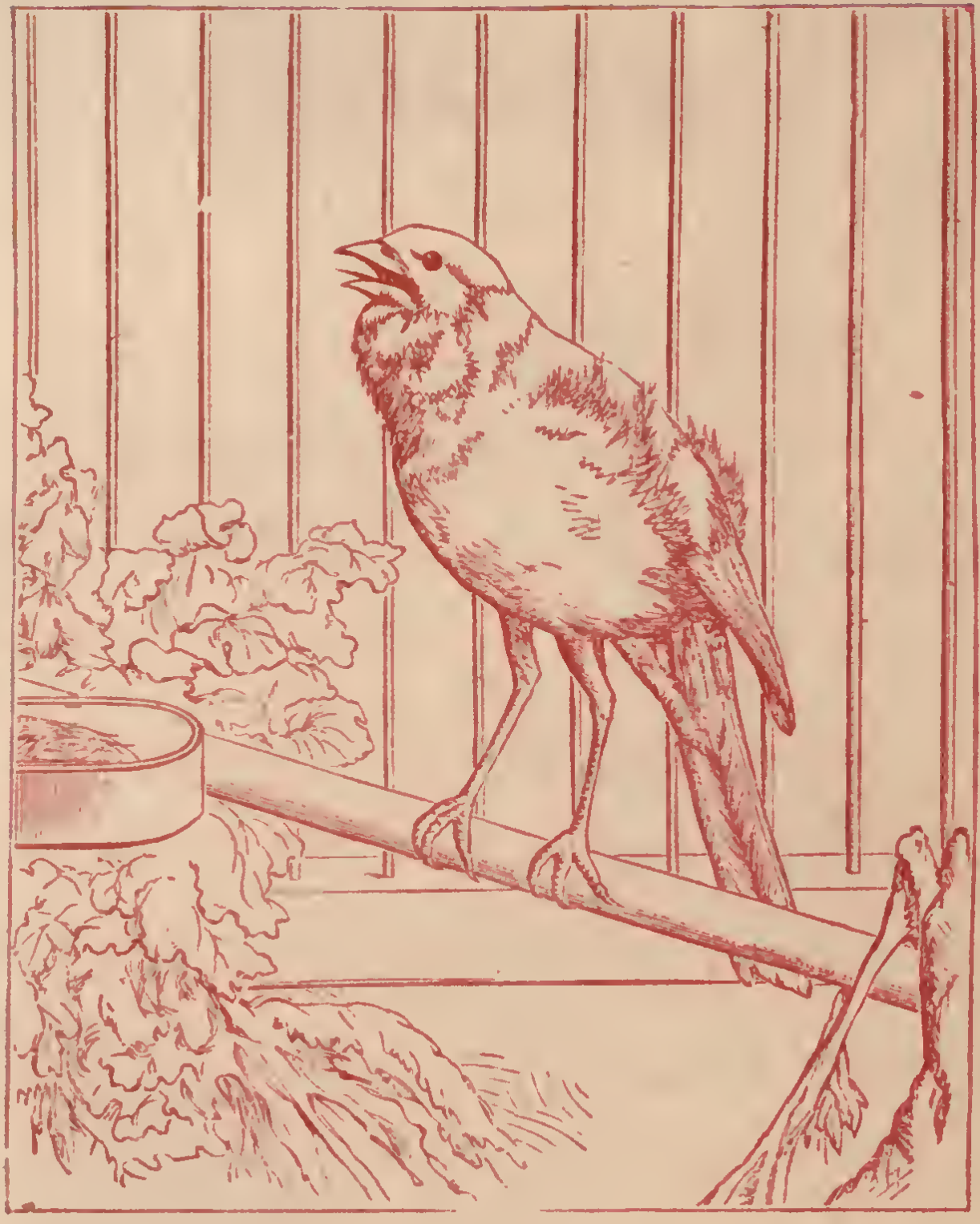
"BABY, THAT'S YOU."

Mama placed her large mirror on the floor this morning, to clean it. The children soon noticed this and are amusing themselves by looking in the glass. "Baby, that's you," says little James. Baby is putting her hand on the mirror, as if to find out who it is that is looking at her. She is not old enough to know that it is only her own image in the glass.



THE CANARY.

Poor bird! he is singing very sweetly, but he does not look quite happy. Indeed, I do not think any bird can be that is shut up in a cage. How different his life must have been in the lovely Canary Islands! He has a perch, and seed and water, but what is all that without liberty?



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THE PARTY.

Miss Lucy and Miss Julia have got an invitation to a party at the Squire's, and are consulting with their mama as to what they shall wear. As they are sure to meet all the Whites, and the Stanleys, and the Hoopers, and the Talbots there, they of course want to look as fine as they can.

MY SKETCHES.

I thought you would like to see some of my sketches. I am fond of drawing, as you may suppose, and mama says I am very clever at it. Do you like my two sketches of Dr. Pill's brougham? That boy with the cap there is my little brother, Bill. That is our flower-girl, Annie.

DAVID AND SAUL.

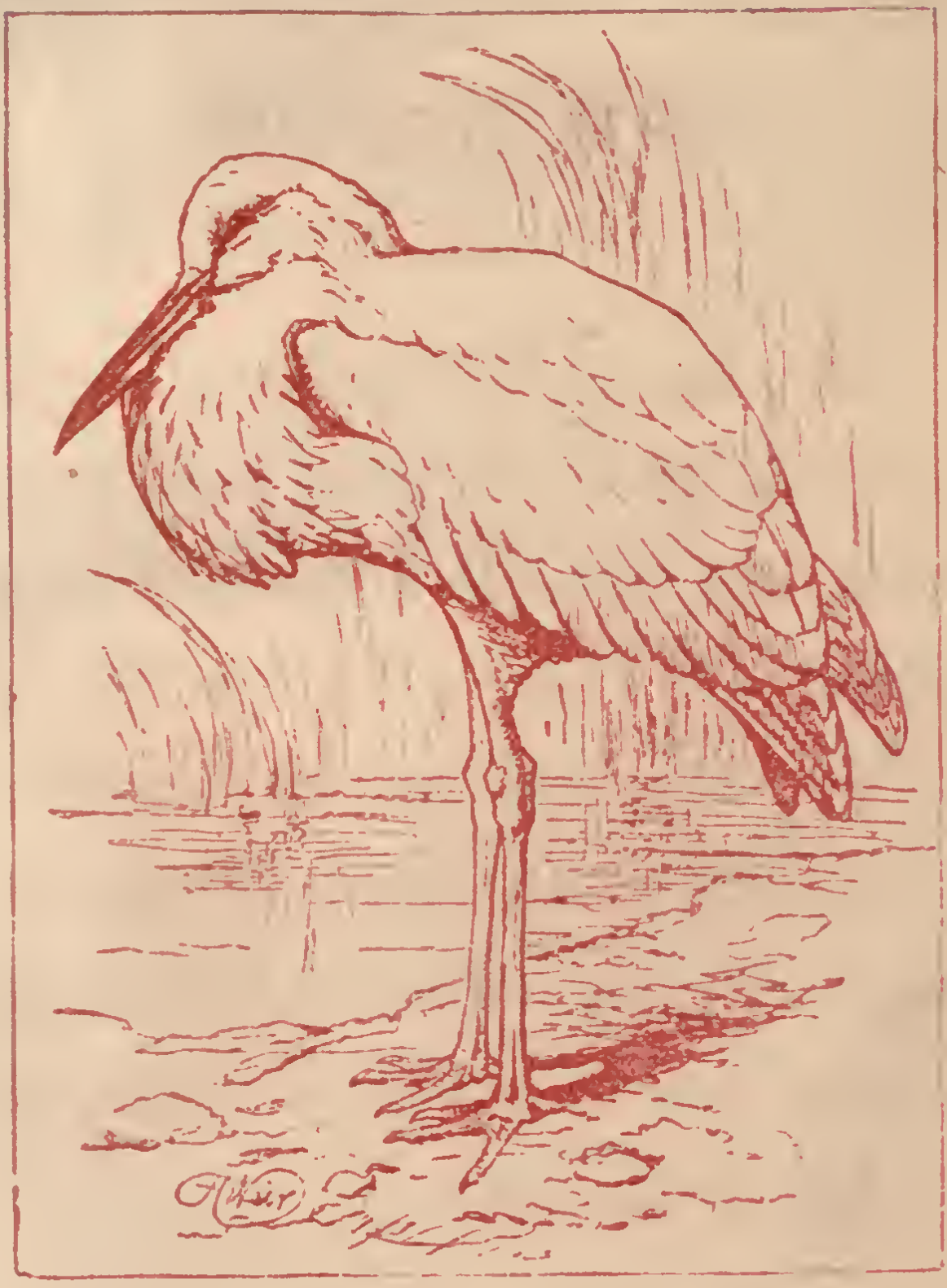
If you ask your mama, she will tellyou thebeautiful story of David playing before King Saul. The king was ill, and David, who was then a youth, played his harp before him, to cure him. How the king became jealous of him, and tried to kill him, and how, after the king's death, David himself became king, is an interesting story.

CHRISTMAS DAY.

It is dinner-time, and cook is just bringing in the great plum-pudding. She has placed a piece of holly on the top, to make it look smart. The children are almost wild with joy, and little Joe has got a flag, and is making a great noise. How he is dancing about there!

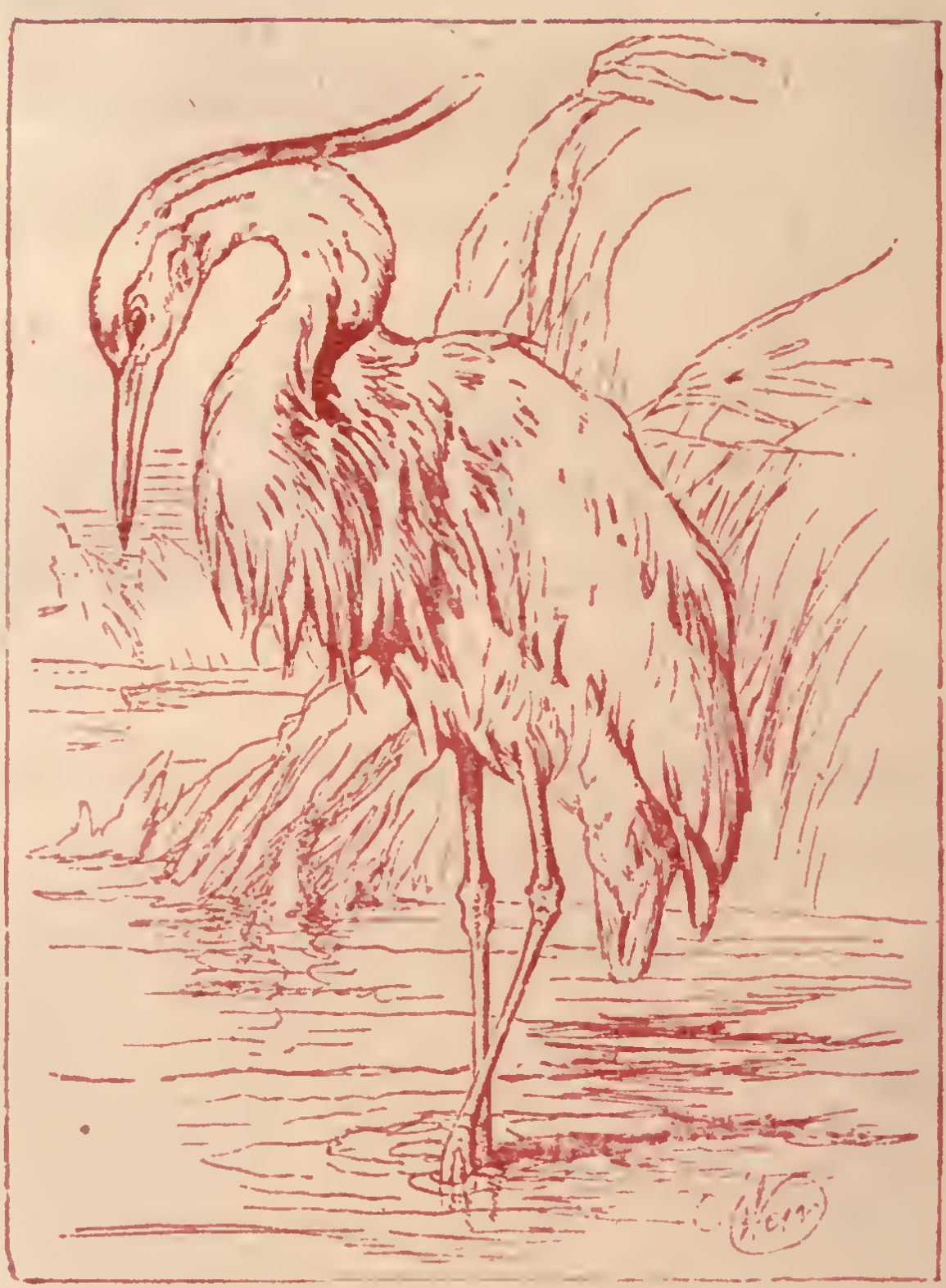
THE STORK.

The stork is a large bird, and has a long bill, and very long legs. He needs these, as he lives in marshes, and feeds on frogs and fishes. He makes a rough nest of sticks and twigs. The stork is held in high honour in most countries, he being so useful in clearing away offal from the public market-places.



THE HERON.

The heron is a large, strange-looking bird. He has very long thin legs, and his bill also is very long. He likes to live apart from other birds, and makes a nest of sticks lined with wool. He is often seen, standing quite still in shallow water, as you see in the picture, watching for fish.



THE BABY ELEPHANT.

All animals are fond of their young ones, and are kind to them. The mother elephant, though she is so big, and looks so rough, takes great care of her little ones. She fondles them, and puts her trunk round them to protect them, and keep them close to her side. She would be very fierce indeed if any one tried to take away her young ones or to hurt them.